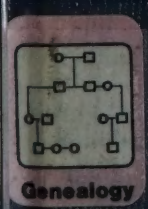
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1850 DARKE CO CENSUS

ADAMS TWP;

MOLER, Mary 70 F P farmr

MOLER, John 36 M P
Margaret 28 F P
Elizabeth 15 F O
Reuben 12 M O
Mary 10 F O
Silena 8 ? O
Hannah 6 F O
Jeanna 4 F O

1860 DARKE CO CENSUS

ADAMS TWP:

MOHLER,	John	45	M F	farmer
	Margret	38	F P	
	Reubin	22	M O	
	Mary	20	F O	
	Hannah	16	F O	
	Joannah	13	F O	
MOLER,	John S.	29	M O	farmer
	Mary	24	F P	
	Nancy	6	F O	
	Martin	3	M O	
	Mary	2	F O	
VOLKLEY,	Henry	14	M O	

1870 DARKE CO CENSUS

ADAMS TWP;

MOHLER, John 55 M P retired farmer
Margaret 48 F P
FINE, Lucinda 10 F O
RIBER, Jacob 81 M P retired farmer

1880 DARKE CO CENSUS

ADAMS TWP:

MOHLER, John	65	P/P/P	retired farmer
Margaret	58	P/P/P	wife
FINE, Lucinda	20	C/O/Ire	servant

FRANKLIN TWP:

MOHLER, Jacob W.	50	P/P/P	
Chilidia	47	O/V/O	wife
Martha	16	O/P/O	dau
Rudolph	14	O/P/O	son
Minie	12	O/P/O	dau
John D.	10	O/P/O	son
DEETER, Sarah	66	V/V/V	mother in law
ANDREW Henry	22	O/O/O	servant

1900 DARKE CO CENSUS

FRANKLIN TWP;

PENNY, William 11 1/69 O/O/Mi farmer
Mina 3/3 1/68 O/P/O wife
Orval J. 4/91 O/O/O son
Albert L. 3/93 O/O/O son
Joseph M. 10/98 O/O/O son
MOHLER, Phidilia 3/32 O/P/P mother in law/ widow
FOURMAN, Harvey 11/75 P/P/O servant/farm labor

MOHLER, John 11 1/70 O/P/O farmer
Elizabeth 1/1 12/69 O/G/G wife
Mabel 9/96 O/O/O dau/farm labor?
AWKER, John 9/77 O/O/O servant/labor

WASHINGTON TWP;

BLINN, John 8 3/70 O/O/O farmer
Mary 2/2 5/67 O/O/O wife
MOHLER, Elizabeth 10/86 O/O/O stepdau
BLINN, Minnie 6/92 O/O/O dau

1910 DARKE CO CENSUS

MISSISSINEWA TWP;

SCHWEIGART, Charles M.	32	4/12	O/O/P	
Mary M.	32		O/V/O	wife
MOHLER, Charles F.	9		O/O/O	nephew
SCHWEIGART, Barbara E.	64	12/8	P/=/=	mother/widow

DCO MARRIAGES RECORDS 1817-1850 by Short

none

DCO MARRIAGES 1851-1898

MOHLER, Henry E. to Anna Menke
Jan 3,1897
MOHLER, John to Mary Fesor
Nov 11, 1852
MOHLER, John to Lizzie Krautt
April 12, 1890
MOHLER, Rudy to Mary C.Wolf
March 26, 1885
MOHLER, William D. to Anna Bashore
Dec 31,1885
MOHLE, Elizabeth to John Spindle
Sept 27, 1855
MOHLER, Joannah to Emanuel Stover
Aug 12,1866
MOHLER, Hannah to Enos Crowl
Feb 20,1863
MOHLER, Lucy Jane to John Allen
Aug 20,1854
MOHLER, Martha to Jonathon B.Cool
Dec 12,1882
MOHLER, Mary to Josiah Winey
Dec 12,1861
MOHLER, Mary A. to John G. Wenrick
Sept 12, 1867
MOHLER, Mary C. to John H. Blim
Aug 9,1891
MOHLER, Mina to William Penny
April 12, 1890

DCO CEMETERY RECORDS by Short

ANSONIA CEMETERY (BROWN TWP)

MOHLER, E. Estella Harman 1875-1925

OAKLAND CEMETERY (ADAMS TWP)

MOHLER, Infant son of E. & S. Mohler no dates

OLD HARRIS CREEK CEMETERY (ADAMS TWP)

MOHLER, inf son of J.S. & M.H. Mohler
d 11-26-1862

GREENVILLE CEMETERY (GREENVILLE TWP)

MOHLER, Rev S.N. 1868-1953
Anna M. 1871-1964 same stone

MILLER CEMETERY (LIBERTY TWP)

MOHLER, Rudy d 10-13-1890 ae 24-10-21

WEST BRANCH CEMETERY (NEAVE TWP)

MOHLER, Galen E. s/o S.& M.E.
b 4-4-1924 d 4-5-1924
Sherman 1890-19==
Mary Ellen 1889-1963

NEWSPAPERS by Schirack

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, May 1,1984 (Tuesday)

Josephine Horvath, 81, of 333 Oakwood Ave, Dayton, died Sunday at her home. Daughter of the late Joe & Ida (Mohler) Coppock. She was preceded by her husband Bela, a well known artist. Survived by cousins, including several in the Greenville area. Burial Greenville cemetery;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, Feb 2,1905 (Thursday)

LICENSED TO WED;

John F. McWiliams, 21, farmer, Middleton,Ind & Elizabeth P. Mohler, 18, Union City;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, Dec 31,1984 (Monday)

Naomi Detrick, 87, 908 Gray Ave, died Saturday at Rest Haven Nursing Home, born Oct 9, 1897 in Darke Co, daughter of the late Jonathan B. & Martha (Mohler) Cool. Her husband Samuel T. died July 11,1956 & 8 sisters & a brother also preceded her. Surviving are 4 nieces, 2 nephews & a foster nephew. Burial Harris Creek cemetery;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, Jan 13,1982 (Wednesday)

BIRTHS; daughter to Mr & Mrs Steven Mohler, 3960 Kilborn Rd,Arcanum, Tuesday;

ANSONIAN, Dec 29,1932 (Thursday)

MARRIAGES LICENSES;

Don Mohler, 26, Greenville & Ella Wade, 20, same address;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, June 20, 1928 (Wednesday)

George Mohler, 78, retired Miami co farmer, father of Ollie D. Mohler of Greenville, died Sunday at his home at Covington. Interment Sugar Grove cemetery; He leaves his wife, 4 sons, 5 daughters, 3 sisters 4 brothers;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, Oct 22,1928 (Monday)

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Russell L. Mohler, 22, Muncie,Ind & Dorthy V. May, 21, Greenville;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, Jan 13,1971 (Wednesday)

Mrs Vada Lucille Foley, 56, 115 Ave A. Greenville, died at Wayne hospital, this morning. She was born in Van Wert Co, & had lived in Greenville, since 1957. Her husband Gaylor, died April 19, 1963;

survived by 1 son Thomas of Greenville; 1 daughter Kathleen Ann Foley, at home; 1 grandson Patrick; her mother Mrs Goldie Mohler, of Van Wert; 2 brothers Morris Mohler of Van Wert; Edward Mohler of Marne, Mich; 1 sister Mrs Russell (Margaret) Wells, Van Wert; Burial Woodland cemetery in Van Wert;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, Jan 14,1971 (Thursday)

WEST BRANCH CEMETERY BURIAL LIST FOR 1970

Sherman Mohler, 80 yrs, Aug 30,1970

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, Feb 18,1971 (Thursday)

Miss Mildred Cassel, 82, formerly of 311 W. Main St, Greenville, died inthe Brethren Home hospital, Wednesday. A native of Darke Co. Her parents were the late John H. & Amanda Mohler Cassel; Survivors include 2 brothers Glen Cassel, St Petersburg,Fla; J. Leroy Cassel, Warsaw, Ind; 1 niece Mrs Norman L. (Betty) Hoffer, Warsaw, Ind; Burial Highland cemetery, Covington;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, May 31,1985 (Friday)

BIRTHS; May 10, Aubrey Lyn Shellabarger to Michael & Tamela (Mohler) Shellabarger, 4508 Burkholder Rd Greenville;

GREENVILLE DEMOCRAT, Dec 18,1918 (Wednesday)

MARRIAGE LICENSES;

James S. Mohler, 18, Washington Twp, Miami Co, & Opal Naomi Fitzwater, 18, Franklin twp;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, March 26,1926 (Friday)

Mrs Susan Menke, died at the family home 510 East Third st, Friday. She was born in Webster, May 6, 1850, daughter of Mr & Mrs Jacob Bashore. Survived by her husband, Barney Menke, 4 sons, 2 daughters Joseph,Jacob & Morris Menke, Orval Menke, of Troy; Mrs Henry Mohler, of Covington; Mrs Ed Murray of Springfield; a sister Mrs Anna Mohler, of Dayton; 9 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, Greenville cemetery;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, April 17,1926 (Saturday)

OBITUARY; Mrs Sarah Royer Ruhl, widow of the late J.W. Ruhl, of Covington,O. died at the home of her niece, Mrs J.H. Cassel, of Greenville,O, Friday, April 2, 1926. She was born Feb 4, 1855, near Lena Illinois. daughter of John & Sophia Royer. Here she married J.W. Ruhl, April 25,1889. Survived by 2 step children, Dr L.A.Ruhl, of Covington; Mrs R.W. Shuman of Chicago; 4 grandchildren; a sister Mrs Hannah Louise Mohler of Pittsburg,Pa; a brother I.A. Royer, of Hardy, Nebraska; Interment in Highland cemetery (Miami Co,Ohio)

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, March 29, 1929 (Friday)

Mrs Neal Flora, 28, Covington, mother of 6 young children died very suddenly Friday at Covington hospital. Daughter of Mr & Mrs Henry Mohler, Granddaughter of Barney Menke, Greenville; Niece of Joseph & Jacob Menke, Greenville; Survived by parents, husband, 6 children, Her oldest child is 9 yrs old. Interment Sugar Grove cemetery;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, Aug 29,1985 (Thursday)

BIRTHS; Aug 3, Clement Michael Bowman to Dwayne & Sherri (Mohler) Bowman, Rt 4, Ohio 502, Union City;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, March 29,1900 (Thursday)

LICENSED TO WED;

A.E. Mohler, 35,farmer, Covington & Matilda M. Mohler,34, city;

GREENVILLE DEMOCRAT, June 18,1919 (Wednesday)

MARRIAGE LICENSES;

Sherman Mohler, 29, Mogadore,O & Mary Ellen Hollinger, 29, Greenville;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, Aug 31,1970 (Monday)

Sherman Mohler, 80, resident of the Brethren Home formerly of 333 West Fourth St, Greenville, died at Wayne hospital, Sunday; He was born near Ottowa, Kansas, but had lived in Ohio most of his life. Survived by his wife Ada (Auckerman) Deeter Mohler, 1 son Wayne E. Mohler, Louisville,Ohio; 1 stepson Norman Deeter of Troy; 2 stepdaughters Mrs Paul (Vanis) Trick, Arlington, Va; Mrs Duncan (Kay) Stuart, Hampton, Va; 3 grandchildren; 1 brother John A.Mohler, Long Beach, Calif; Burial West Branch cemetery;

GREENVILLE JOURNAL, Aug 6,1903 (Thursday)

LICENSED TO WED;

Oliver D. Mohler, 24, farmer, Circle Hill, & Armina B.Davis, 19, Red River;

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, Jan 10,1974

GREENVILLE CEMETERY BURIAL LIST FOR 1973

James G. Mohler, 69 yrs, Sept 21,1973

GREENVILLE ADVOCATE, Jan 14,1971 (Thursday)

WEST BRANCH CEMETERY BURIAL LIST FOR 1970

Sherman Mohler, 80 yrs, Aug 20, 1970

GREENVILLE DAILY, Aug 20,1937 (Friday)

MARRIAGES;

Horace H. Mohler, 25, Dayton & Zella B. King, 26, Greenville twp;

MIAMI CO CEMETERY RECORDS by Bosserman,Sr

HIGHLAND CEMETERY (NEWBERRY TWP)

COLBERT, Emma Mohler 1864-1953

MOHLER, Ora s/o L.S. & L.M.
d 2 May 1875 ae 9m 27d
Levi S. 1844-1899
Hannah 1849-1911

MAHLER, Ephraim S. 1860-1943
Alice B. 1864-1900
MOHLER, Homer J. 1893-1915
Ada J. 1897-1916 same stone

MOHLER, Oliver D. 1879-1953 Masonic Emb
Armina B. 1884-1972 OES Emb
Carl B (son) 1905-1923 same stone

CASSEL, John Hartzell b 14 Nov 1857= d 20 May 1941
Amanda Mohler b 16 Nov 1863=d 4 April 1952 same stone

ETTER, Henry Davy 1865-1953
Amanda Mohler 1872-1949 same stone

MOHLER, Jacob S. 1830-1903
Hannah L. 1841-1931 same stone

MIAMI MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY (NEWBERRY TWP)

MAHLER, Dorah b 7 Oct 1893 d 3 Oct 1961
William Mottinger lot

DCO WILL INDEX 1817-1900 by Short

MOHLER, John 8-20-1889

DCO WILL INDEX 1900-1910 by Schirack

none

DCO ESTATE INDEX 1817-1905 by Schirack

NAME CASES #

MOHLER, Rudoph S. # 2422

MOHLER, John # 6241

MOHLER, Randolph # 6456

MOHLER, J.M. # 8103

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College, in 1892-1893, and took a two year course at Bethany Bible School. She has been active in church and mission work in different ways and places. She was secretary of the general organization of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Brotherhood for three years.

Levi Minnich and wife.
Present trustee of Manchester College.

SAMUEL MOHLER

Samuel Mohler was born May 19, 1808, being a member of a large family that resided in Juniata County, Pennsylvania. At the age of twenty, he married Catherine Sayler, a relative of Elder D. P. Sayler. Soon after this union they moved near Waynesboro, where they united with the church. They soon moved to Ohio near

Covington where they lived about sixty-two years. Eight sons and three daughters were born to them. Three sons were ministers: Samuel S. and Martin of Missouri and John S. of Kansas. Samuel Mohler and his son Samuel S. were elected to the ministry on a tie vote, November 5, 1857, Elders Peter Nead and Abraham Flory officiating. His special line of work was not preaching but shepherding, in which he had great natural ability. He was slow in rendering a decision and slow to change it when formed. He was a keen observer and had order and system in all he did on the farm or in the church.

All his children early united with the church. Prompt in all his obligations and liberal to the needy, caused the "Gospel Messengers" to say "If all our elders sent in their missionary collections as Brother Samuel Mohler, our treasury would soon be filled." He was a man of great vigor of mind and body, with something peculiarly striking yet pleasing in his appearance. About three months before his decease, in walking across his room, he fell and broke his leg which finally resulted in his death, July 26, 1891.

GEORGE MOHLER

George Mohler, son of Ephraim and Anna Mohler, was born in Miami County, Ohio, December 16, 1849. He was inclined to be studious, and after completing the common school, took one term in the Greenville High School, qualifying himself to teach, which he followed for a number of years. He married Mary E. Deeter, December 25, 1877.

To them eleven children were born. He and his wife united with the church at Covington in 1879. He was elected to the ministry here in 1889, and became a useful minister. He moved to the Pleasant Hill Church in 1902. He and Isaac Frantz were ordained July 31, 1909, and given the oversight jointly March 3, 1910, of this church until September 6, 1917. After which he had it alone until his resignation one year later, as he moved back in 1918 to his old home congregation, the Covington Church.

Elder George Mohler and wife.

J. T. and SARAH ELIZABETH MOLL

John Thomas Moll was born in Prospect, Ohio, November 24, 1858. He was reared in Fulton, Whiteside County, Illinois. At the age of twenty-one he moved to St. Louis, Missouri. He lived out of the church until 1896, and was converted in Salvation Army Barracks, Vine Street and Canal, Cincinnati. He bought a testament and read and sought for the people that lived and held out for the most Scripture. How he found them, and became, with his wife, the pioneer worker in the Constance, Kentucky, mission is told in the story of that little church. His wife, Sarah Elizabeth Moll (nee Selvidge), was born January 16, 1850, below the Mason-Dixon line, of Baptist parents. While an infant, her mother died. Her father died in the Civil War which left her an orphan. She was brought to St. Louis, Missouri, sometime in the sixties, fell into the hands of Catholics and was christened in their church. She lived as a Catholic until she was thirty-one and at the age of thirty-five was converted in Maywood, Missouri.

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D. F. WARNER

D. F. Warner was born in Darke County, Ohio, August 8, 1875. He was a son of Lorenzo D. and Celestia Warner. He was reared in Michigan, where his parents had moved when he was but a child. His conversion occurred, June 4, 1899. His first wife was Lillian Joubert who died, April 4, 1913. He was married to Grace Gnagney, September 6, 1914. She is quite helpful to him in his work. He was elected to the ministry, February 20, 1909, and ordained to the eldership, November 16, 1915. He was educated at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Michigan, Mount Morris College, and Bethany Bible School.

He taught school thirteen years. He served as District Sunday-school secretary of Michigan and in pastorates at Milledgeville and Virden, Illinois. His late post of duty was the West Dayton Church over which he presided as elder and pastor.

HERSCHEL WEAVER

Herschel Weaver was born April 23, 1885, at Lewisburg, Ohio. His parents were Joseph and Ella Weaver. His father and grandfather died when he was six years old. He then lived with his widowed mother and grandmother for nine years. His mother died when he was fifteen years old.

His early religious training was Methodist but later, through the influence of his grandmother, he joined the Church of the Brethren, in January, 1901. He married Ada Miller, March 26, 1908. He was elected to the ministry, September 14, 1907, and was ordained elder in the Price's Creek Church, September 15, 1917. During the year 1918, he was made the Presiding Elder of this church. He received much religious training at Bethany Bible School. Stricken with an incurable malady, late in the summer of 1920, he passed away. Esteemed by all, his early death was much deplored.

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"Roots by the River"

THE HISTORY, DOCTRINE, AND PRACTICE OF THE OLD GERMAN BAPTIST BRETHREN IN MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

By
Marcus Miller

BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN THE LORD, AND WHOSE HOPE THE LORD IS. FOR HE SHALL BE AS A TREE PLANTED BY THE WATERS, AND THAT SPREADETH OUT HER ROOTS BY THE RIVER . . .

Jeremiah 17:7-8

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SIMON MIKESELL

Simon Mikesell was elected to the ministry at Lost Creek in 1879, and moved to Wolf Creek in 1880. He later went with the Progressive or First Brethren Church.

ISAAC MILLER

Isaac Miller was the first elder at the Oakland Church when it was formed out of the northwest section of the Stillwater District, which lay west of the Upper Stillwater or Harris Creek house. He moved to this area when the division of the Upper District was under consideration, and for the purpose of leading the new congregation.

He moved to Twin Creek in about 1858 from Virginia. In 1860 he moved from Twin Creek to Harris Creek and in 1865, when the Oakland Church was organized, assumed the leadership there. In 1871 he left Oakland and moved to Woodland, Michigan where he pioneered in the establishment of the church near Lake Odessa.

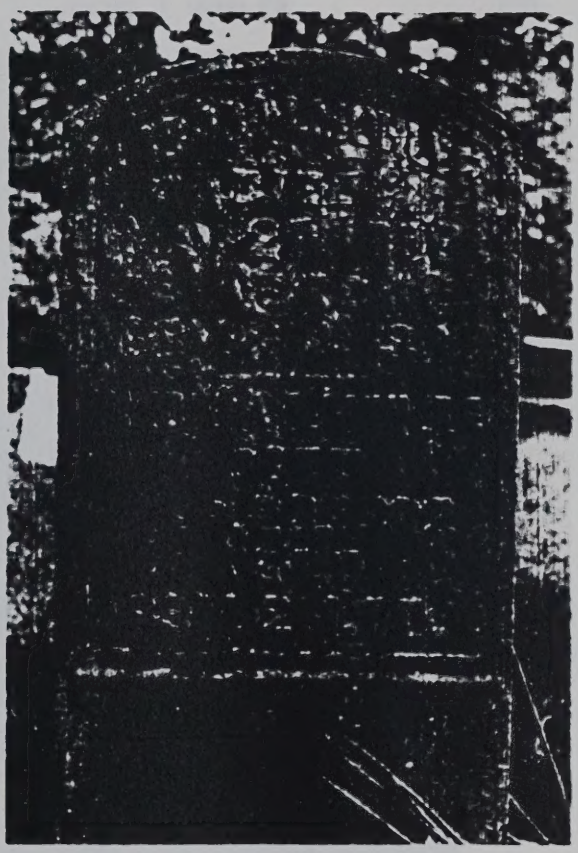
This history does not agree with some other histories of the Upper Stillwater and Oakland Churches, but is supported by a letter of recommendation now in possession of Elder Levi Bowman, dated November 21, 1860.

JACOB M. MOHLER

Jacob Mohler was born in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1830, to Elder Rudolph and Elizabeth Miller Mohler. In the spring of 1841, he moved with his parents and with his uncle Samuel Mohler and uncle David Miller to Miami County, settling with them on the Stillwater River at the mouth of Painter Creek. He married Phidelia Deeter and in later years was elected to the ministry in the Covington church, being in the ministry in 1879.

He lived on the Covington-Gettysburg Road just east of Croft Mill, on the north side at one time, and at another time on Panther Creek Road. He operated a flour mill which once stood on the west bank of the Stillwater just north of the

bridge leading to West Covington. The mill race still stands and was the site of many baptisms in the 70's, 80's, and 90's. He owned a notable orchard west of Covington where he grew various fruits and berries, including apricots.



Jacob M. Mohler
(Sugar Grove Cemetery)

Sometime between 1879 and 1881, he moved to Red River in the Painter Creek District. After Samuel Murray's death in 1895, Elder Mohler held the nonresident eldership of the Covington Church until he suffered a paralyzing stroke in the fall of 1896. He was a member of the Vindicator Committee from 1894 till 1898. He was on the Standing Committee from 1895 to 1898. He died May 28, 1898, and is buried at Sugar Grove. Elder Jacob Shellabarger of Painter Creek is his grandson and namesake.

Joseph D. Mohler
(Courtesy LuEffie Filbrun)

JOSEPH DEETER MOHLER

Joseph Deeter Mohler was born November 14, 1859, near Covington, to Henry Mohler, son of Elder Rudolph Mohler, and to Anna Deeter Mohler, daughter of Abraham Deeter, granddaughter of Elder David Deeter. He was baptized at twenty years of age and elected to the ministry in October, 1892. Since Samuel Murray died in 1895, and since Pete Bowman moved to Covington in 1897, the young minister was alone in the ministry for a short while, although assisted by Elder Jacob Mohler of Painter Creek, Elder Amos Hyre of Lower Stillwater, and Elder Emanuel Hoover of Oak Grove.

In November 1898, J. D. Mohler was ordained; and the oversight of the Covington church soon passed from Elder Amos Hyre into his hands.

J. D. Mohler was a man of rather remarkable ability. He was gifted as a leader and soon became known for his rigid adherence to the old ways, eschewing any element which worked against the primitive practice of the Church. In addition, he traveled and preached extensively, tending to the spiritual needs of those members who were delivered to his charge throughout the Covington-Lost Creek area, as well as Shelby and Mercer Counties to the north. He preached as far north as Daniel Wolf's at New Bremen and in the home of John Frye near Fletcher.

His leadership was felt through the *Vindicator*, he being on that committee from 1908 to 1921; and he was on the Standing Committee from 1915 to 1919.

J. D. Mohler was a lover of fine horses, and it is said that he had the sleekest and best fed horses in the area. He could drive by carriage to meeting at Lower Stillwater and back in one day, which was considered remarkable with the roads at the turn of the century. At the turn of the century, however, there loomed a new element to threaten horse drawn transportation; and, according to the feelings of many in the Miami Valley, this also threatened the sim-

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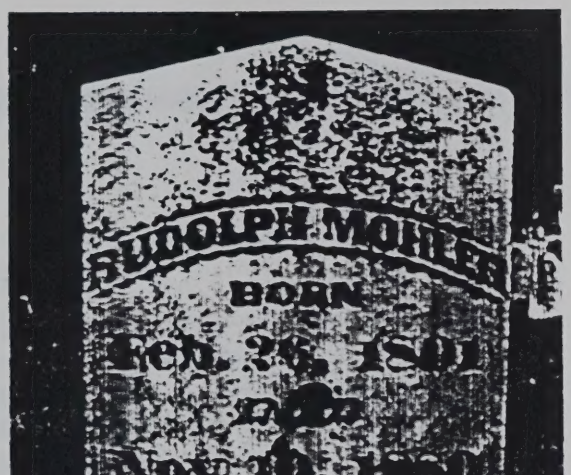
plicity and nonconformity of the Church. As the advent of the automobile into the Church gained momentum during the second decade of this century, the elders of virtually every church in the Valley were united in their stand against it, Maple Grove being a notable exception. Elder J. D. Mohler, being a member of the Standing Committee and an outspoken champion of this cause, was one of the last of the elders to give in to the tide of sentiment which favored the automobile's acceptance.

The showdown came in the summer of 1921 when a committee was sent to Covington to investigate and settle dissatisfaction there, especially in regard to the formulation and circulation of petitions, the last petition having been sent from Covington to the Annual Meeting at Hoover, Indiana, in 1920. One must feel a twinge of pity to note that when the reckoning finally came, all those leaders who formerly espoused to this cause gave it up—all except Joseph Mohler. He stood up in the committee meeting and looking about said, "Where are all those that were with me? They're here—but where are they?" Forty-five of the sixty-eight members at Covington stood with Joseph Mohler. There were also significant numbers at Oak Grove, Painter Creek, Wolf Creek and Lower Stillwater. Later there followed some from Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Maryland.

On the night of his final testimony, however, J. D. Mohler departed this life. An editorial comment above his obituary in the local newspaper stated that his final hour was his finest hour. For in it he led his flock in the way that he believed to be right. That morning he had made the statement, "According to the way I feel, I may not be here by the setting of the sun." He died about 6:30 p.m., June 20, 1921.



Rudolph Mohler
(Sugar Grove Cemetery)

RUDOLPH MOHLER

Rudolph Mohler was the ancestor of many in the Covington District. He was the son of Jacob Mohler and the great-grandson of Ludwig Mohler, born 1696, who came from

Palatinate, Germany, to Ephrata, Pennsylvania in 1730. Rudolph's mother was Maria Bollinger, daughter of Hans Rudolph Bollinger, and granddaughter of Rudolph born about 1700, and who came to America from Switzerland. The author of this history is a ninth generation descendant of this common ancestor.

About 1840, Rudolph and his wife traveled from Pennsylvania to Miami County on horseback, his wife riding on a side-saddle. They bought a farm on the west bank of the Stillwater River and north bank of Painter (Panther) Creek. In 1842, they brought their twelve children to Ohio, traveling by covered wagon drawn by oxen. Rudolph's brother, Samuel, and his brother-in-law, David Miller, made the trip with them. They apparently followed the Cumberland Trail, later called National Road or Route 40. The trip took nearly four weeks. Upon their arrival in Ohio, Rudolph built his house on Owens Road, just across Panther Creek from where Sugar Grove Cemetery is now situtated. Samuel built north on the same road at Faulkner Road.

Rudolph Mohler was born February 26, 1801. He was educated in German and in English. He apparently was elected to the ministry in Pennsylvania and moved to Ohio soon thereafter. He was given the oversight of the Stillwater Church in 1847, on the death of Michael Etter. Rudolph had thirteen children, all of whom became members of the Church. Among them were Henry (father of Joseph D. Mohler); Jacob, who later preached and held the oversight of the Covington Church; and Samuel M. and Rudolph M., both of whom were deacons in the Covington Church. Rudolph died November 10, 1880, at 80 years of age, and is buried in the Sugar Grove Cemetery, which lies on the southeast corner of his farm.

SAMUEL MOHLER

Samuel Mohler, son of Jacob Mohler, and brother of Rudolph Mohler, whose biography precedes, came to Miami County in the fall of 1842, with his brother, Rudolph. Samuel

Samuel Mohler
(Sugar Grove Cemetery)

cleared a farm north of his brother's on the southwest corner of Owens and Faulkner Roads in Newton township. He was born May 18, 1808, and married Catherine Saylor, daughter of Elder D. P. Saylor.

Samuel was elected at Sugar Grove on November 5, 1857. The vote was tied between Samuel and his son Samuel

Saylor Mohler. Elders Peter Nead and Abraham Flory of Lower Stillwater officiated. Samuel took the oversight of the Covington Church in 1880, when his older brother Rudolph died. At first Elder Samuel Mohler favored the "ancient and apostolic order of the church" as set forth in the Miami Valley petition of 1880; and he participated in the special councils held in the Wolf Creek church November 9, and December 8, 1880. How much farther he followed this movement is not known; but in August 1881, he cast his vote with the Annual Meeting and maintained the oversight of the Covington Conservative group. He helped in the organization of the Middle District and held the oversight there from 1877 to 1884. He had the oversight of the Loramie church from 1858 (its organization) until 1887 and was active in the Mosquito Creek Church at Sidney. It is said that Elder Samuel was not a fluent speaker, but was a good counsellor; and as one can see, his counsel was widely sought.

Elder Samuel was a farmer, but his interests were wide. He also operated a sawmill on the Stillwater River on his farm. He maintained a tanyard and a large sugar bush – a grove of sugar maple trees from which he manufactured maple sugar and maple syrup. He owned the first kerosene lamp, the first cook stove, and the first reaper in this area. He died July 25, 1891, at eighty five years of age.

SAMUEL SAYLOR MOHLER

Samuel Saylor Mohler was a son of Samuel Mohler mentioned previously. He was born September 22, 1832, and in 1853 married Mary Ann Deeter, who was a midwife and nurse – a very important person in former days. Samuel S. was elected to the ministry in a tie vote on November 5, 1857, and was advanced to the second degree in the fall of 1861, at the Upper House, having moved there in March 1861. In April 1869, he left Miami County and moved near Knob Knoster, Missouri. S. S. Mohler was leader among the

conservative brethren and died in Missouri, December 4, 1893.

SAMUEL MURRAY

Samuel Murray, the subject of this sketch, was a key figure in the German Baptist Church in the latter half of the last century. He was active in the upper Stillwater and Miami Valleys in the 1870's and was one of the most widely known, widely traveled, and beloved brethren during the reconstruction years from 1881 to 1896. His travels, especially in the West (Kansas, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, and California), certainly were appreciated in those isolated areas. His influence was felt through the *Vindicator* and through his work in the reconsiderations of the Minutes in 1882 to 1884. His influence undoubtedly was great in determining the course the Old Order movement was to take.

Samuel Murray's father's grandfather was a British soldier who left the service of the crown and made his home in the New world after the war for independence. His mother's grandfather was a Hessian soldier, hired by the British government to help suppress the rebellion. Samuel's grandfather, John Murray, moved to Airhill, Montgomery County, Ohio, from Huntington County, Pennsylvania in 1810, traveling by wagon to Pittsburg, by flat boat down the Ohio to Cincinnati, and by covered wagon up the Miami River and up Wolf Creek. Samuel's father David lived near Salem (Clayton) until 1832, when he moved with his wife and family to Fort Rowdy, which was then called Newberry (now called Covington). His home was southeast of Covington where the Johnson farm now stands.

Samuel was born October 16, 1828, and came to Newberry Township with his father when three years old. He went to school in a log house on the north side of Route 41, on the site where a later brick school has now been converted into a dwelling. Some of his sisters are buried in the small Murray (or Johnson) cemetery at the top of the hill, one mile southeast of Covington.

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leadership for the congregation during this period. Two years later Mohican erected a second building as the first house was being used by the Progressives. Mohican called its first pastor, Chalmer Brendlinger, in 1919. Members remodeled their building in 1956-68. MRK/LLF

NE. Ohio (1914) 93-98, (1963) 119-21; *Mohican CB* (1980); H. Miller, *Record* (1882) 17.

Mohler, John Saylor (CB), 1831-1911, minister, writer. The son of Samuel and Catherine Saylor Mohler, J. S. Mohler was born near Covington, OH. He married Mary H. Risser in 1852 and moved in 1869 to Missouri, where Mohler became a minister (1870) and elder. In 1886 they moved to Brown Co., KS, where J. S. Mohler helped establish *McPherson College, served as elder of the Morrill congregation, and helped organize several other congregations. He was also active as an elder, evangelist, and district leader in southern California in the 1890s. Mohler wrote a pamphlet, *The Resurrection* (1901), and several hymns, one of which appeared in three Brethren hymnals (1901-51). KIM

GM (Nov. 25, 1911) 750, (Dec. 2, 1911) 771-72; *Kansas* (1922) 65, 67-68, 123, 151, 171, 188, 216, 224, 229-31, 235-36, 239-40, 246-47, 258, 266-67, 345-46; R. B. Statler and N. W. Fisher, *Brethren Hymns* (1959) 60, 81-82; BHLA, biog. file; *California* (1917) 24, 29, 72-75, 104-7; *S. Missouri, Arkansas* (1964) 12, 15-16, 163, 167, 179; *S. Ohio* (1920) 521-22.

Mohler, Robert Ellsworth (CB), 1886-1980. The son of Edwin and Sarah Wagoner Mohler, Robert E. Mohler was a *McPherson College biology and agriculture teacher (1913-52), college administrator, secretary of *Men's Work (CB), Sunday school teacher, denominational board member, Rotary Club leader, lecturer, philanthropist, bank trustee, and pastor (1956-68). He was born near Red Cloud, NE, and studied at McPherson Academy (BSD, 1907), *Mt. Morris College (BA, 1912), and Kansas State U. (MS, 1916). Mohler married Velma Landis in 1913. After her death in 1937, he married Fern Shoemaker. The administration building at McPherson College is named in his honor. DWB

R. E. Mohler, *Out on Broad Kansas Plains* (1969), autobiog.; *Messenger* (Aug. 3, 1967) 18-20, (March, 1981) 29; "Colorado" (1963) 265-67, cf. *Kansas* (1922) 77, 80, 343-45; *Blue Book* (1923) 306-7; D. D. Culler, ed., *Old Sandstone* (1912) 181.

Mohler, Samuel (CB), 1808-91, minister. A son of Jacob Mohler, Samuel Mohler was born in Juniata Co., PA, where he married Catherine Sayler. They moved to Miami Co., OH, in 1829. Samuel Mohler was elected a minister in the Sugar Grove meetinghouse of the Stillwater (Covington) congregation in 1857 and served as elder-in-charge of the congregation during the years of division, 1881-83. He was an able leader in the Covington, Middle District, Mosquito Creek (Sidney), and Loramie congregations, and in the S. Ohio district. At times he leaned toward the *Old Order movement, but he eventually identified with what became the Church of the Brethren. MM

Almanac (1892) 11, 13, cf. H. R. Holsinger, *Tunkers* (1901) 366-68; *S. Ohio* (1920) 200-203, 228-29, 231-32, 246-48, 521-22; *History of Miami Co., OH* (1880); M. Miller, *"Roots by the River"* (1973) index; *BLT* 24 (1979) 154-55.

Mohler, Samuel Sayler (CB), 1832-93, minister and denominational leader. The son of *Samuel and Catherine Sayler Mohler (OGBB) and brother of *John S. Mohler, S. S. Mohler was born Sept. 22 near Covington, OH. He married Mary Ann Deeter in 1853 and joined the Covington congregation, probably between 1853 and 1857. Samuel Mohler and his son S. S. Mohler were elected ministers in 1857 on a tie vote over which *Peter Nead presided. Moving with his family to the nearby Harris Creek congregation in 1861, the younger Mohler's views in favor of *missionary work, *protracted meeting, and *Sunday schools encountered opposition. An invitation from *John Harshey induced him to move in 1869 to Missouri, where he helped to organize the Mineral Creek congregation. S. S. Mohler was ordained an elder the following year (1870) and for nearly twenty years functioned as elder-in-charge of the Mineral Creek congregation, although never formally appointed to that position. He aided the organization of numerous congregations in Missouri, Kansas, and adjoining states, offering counsel and direction to young ministers.

Mohler was seldom absent from Annual Meeting deliberations, serving on the Standing Committee six times and as moderator in 1889. He was frequently appointed to special committees visiting individual congregations, served on *_The Gospel Messenger_ advisory committee, the Brethren Book and Tract Committee, and on special committees for the reform of Annual Meeting procedures and the ordination of ministers. His *Classified Minutes of Annual Meeting* were published in 1885, when the efforts of an 1882 committee, to which Mohler had also been appointed, failed to gain official Annual Meeting approval. He died Dec. 4, 1893. ESM/DDM

Almanac (1913) 23-29, cf. J. E. Miller, *Stories* (1942) 68-69; *GM* (Dec. 12, 1893) 776, (Dec. 19, 1893) 793, (Feb. 20, 1894) 115-16; *S. Ohio* (1920) 200-201, 212-13; O. Winger, *R. H. Miller* (1910) 265-67; *Some Who Led* (1912) 167-70; *Kansas* (1922) 107, 199, 342; *S. Missouri, Arkansas* (1964); "N. Missouri" (1945) 324.

Mohler Church of the Brethren, PA, located one mile ne. of Ephrata in Lancaster Co. Originally belonging to the Ephrata district of *Conestoga, in 1899 the (rural) Springville and (town) *Ephrata congregations were organized separately. The Springville meetinghouse was built in 1854, the Blainsport house in 1866, the Mohler house in 1872, the Denver house in 1877, and the Cocalico house in 1909. They also used the Steinmetz, Schoeneck, Bucher, Flickingers, and Miller houses, all union houses. The Mohler house burned and was replaced in 1898. After 1910 the membership consolidated. Steinmetz members were merged with some from the West Conestoga (*Middle Creek) congregation to form the *Akron congregation in 1913. The Springville house was sold in 1923, the Miller house was closed in 1923, and the Schoeneck house followed in 1924. The Denver house was sold in 1938, and the Blainsport house was closed in 1940. In 1959 the *Cocalico congregation was organized separately, leaving the Springville congregation with only the Mohler house, which had been enlarged in 1949. The congregation's name changed to Mohler in 1965. Among the *free ministers with long tenure were John W. Schlosser, Aaron Gibbel, J. Bitzer Johns, John L. Myer, and Amos S. Heisey. There were 205 members in 1981. HBG/LLF

E. Pennsylvania (1965) 132-33, (1925) 352-53; J. A. Tshudy, ed., "Reminscences of G. R. Barr," *JHSCV* 2 (1977) 8-10.

Mohler Family. Ludwig Mohler (1696-1754) from Switzerland arrived in Pennsylvania on Aug. 29, 1730, on the *Thistle* with his wife and three sons. He settled in Lancaster Co., PA, near Ephrata. Some of the family became Brethren in the White Oak and Cocalico congregations. Fourth generation John, Jr., migrated to Weyer's Cave, VA, ca. 1800.

e sons of Ludwig's son Jacob – John, Rudolph, and nuel – migrated to Ohio ca. 1842, settling around the ngton and Sugar Grove congregations. In the divi- of 1881 some went with the Old German Baptist rem. Several of the next generation moved on to son Co., MO, and to Kansas. The Mohler family ided numerous ministers in Lancaster Co., PA, ern Ohio, Missouri, and Kansas.

hristian Mohler and his nephew Daniel (relationship e above uncertain) were early Brethren settlers in berland Co., PA. Annual Meeting was held on el's farm in 1824. This family has contributed much e Cumberland County congregations. IWG

Moler, "Descendants of Ludwig Mohler" (1956); L. M. r, "Mohler Family of Ohio" (1958); E. M. Mohler, *r-Murray Genealogy* (1957); C. G. Dunning, *Genealogy of dwig Mohler Family in America* (1921); *Colonial America* index; H. R. Holsinger, *Tunkers* (1901) 366; *E. Penn- ia* (1915) index; *M. Pennsylvania* (1925) esp. 33-35, 5; *S. Pennsylvania* (1941) esp. 417; *S. Ohio* (1920) index; *S. ri. Arkansas* (1964) esp. 13-18, 21; *Kansas* (1922) esp. 5; *Some Who Led* (1912) 167-70; M. Miller, *"Roots by the "* (1973) index; G. W. Diehl, "Family of Philip Long and eral Lines" (1963); *S. Ohio (FGBC)* (1975) 135-36, 169.

r (More, Moor, Moore), Jacob, Sr., fl. 1730-55, r among Brethren in colonial America. Mohr was iated with *Johannes Naas after 1733 in establishing rethren congregation at Amwell, NJ. He was enrolled naturalized citizen on July 8, 1730, and owned 138 in Hunterdon Co. by 1758. Mohr was receptive to ventures of representatives of the *Ephrata Com- ty who visited Amwell in the late 1730s. *Conrad el, Ephrata patriarch, sent a warm letter to Mohr in 1755. The Johann Mohr family left the congrega- o join the community but there were still many Mohr ndants active in the New Jersey congregations in the century. DFD

lso MOOREITES.

ial America (1967) esp. 102-4; *E. Pennsylvania* (1915) in- *V. Atlantic* (1975) 148-49; J. F. Sachse, *German Sectarians* 1:368, (1900) 2:400; M. G. Brumbaugh, *History GBB* 125, 335; *Chronicon Ephratense* (1786, 1889) ch. 20; G. S. "First Century of Hunterdon Co.," NJHS *Proceedings*, eries 5 (1877-79) 73; H. Race, "Colonial Naturalization *Jerseyman* 2 (March, 1893) 1.

sville Church of the Brethren, PA, located twelve north of Reading in Berks Co. Known until 1977 as en Creek, it was part of the *Little Swatara con- tion until 1866. Its roots lie in two 18th-century con- tions, Oley and Northkill. Oley began in 1732 under r Becker, from *Germantown, PA. Many of Oley's bers emigrated to the Conococheague area lying on Pennsylvania-Maryland border. By 1770 Oley had y members but no resident elder. *Martin Gaube, a minister in the first degree, was made elder in 1780. 77 he had erected the *Pricetown meetinghouse (the t unrestored Brethren church structure); he later) gave it and its site to the congregation. There were maining members at Pricetown in 1832 but work was ed in 1846. Northkill began ca. 1748; it was led after by *Georg Klein(e). He was elder in 1770 of eleven bers. As with Oley, many of its members had moved

he Maiden Creek congregation was organized on 28, 1866, with thirty charter members; Jeremiah ermel (1822-90) was chosen as minister. Members a meetinghouse at Mohrsville in 1867. It was remodeled in 1899, enlarged in 1832, and remodeled again in 1959-60 and 1967. A new parsonage was constructed in 1980-81. Among the early elders at Maiden Creek were John Zug, Jeremiah Rothermel, Christian Bucher, *John Herr, William Overholtzer, Jonathan Reber, and Henry H. Reber. There were 201 members at Mohrsville in 1980. DFD/BY

E. Pennsylvania (1915) 475-84, (1965) 93-94; *Colonial America* (1967) index; M. G. Brumbaugh, *History GBB* (1899) 297-98, 321; H. Miller, *Record* (1882) 9; H. R. Holsinger, *Tunkers* (1901) 152, 153; F. E. Mallott, *Studies* (1954) 73-74, 78-79; *Almanac* (1872) 20; *Reading [PA] Eagle* (Aug. 18, 1894); *Messenger* (Aug. 29, 1968) 16-17, (June, 1977) 10; *PG* 3 (July, 1902) 131-32.

Moler Avenue Church of the Brethren, WV. *See* **Martinsburg, WV, Moler Avenue Church of the Brethren.**

Monasticism. After the Protestant *Reformation, monastic communities were rare but not unknown among Protestants. The *Ephrata Community was essentially monastic in character, inspired by renewed interest in the history of early monasticism and by the example of the Labadist colony at Bohemia Manor, MD. Monastic practices at Ephrata included *celibacy, night vigils and daytime prayer services, restrictions on "frivolous talk," the confession of faults using written "lectiones," austere sleeping quarters, and monastic clothing. DDM

David Knowles, *Christian Monasticism* (1969); Ernst Benz, *Protestantische Thebais* (1963).

Monitor Church of the Brethren, KS, located ten miles sw. of McPherson in McPherson Co. Because of distance the McPherson congregation was divided in 1887 and Brethren in the western part of the county became the Monitor congregation. Members met in homes and schoolhouses until a meetinghouse was built in the fall of 1887. In 1908 this building was replaced by a larger one which continues to serve in 1980. The first elder was J. D. Trostle, and the first ministers were George E. Studebaker and *S. G. Lehmer. Other early family names were Yoder, Mishler, Bosserman, and Brubaker. *J. J. Yoder served as elder for a total of thirty-six years. The first supported pastor was W. H. Yoder, 1915-19. Myrtle Ferris Pollock, missionary to China, came from Monitor and was supported by the congregation or by J. D. Yoder from 1917 until her death on the mission field in 1940. RFY/AWY

Kansas (1922) 180-84; M. Hughbanks, *A Place Called Monitor* (1978); *GM* (Oct. 9, 1937) 20-21.

Monitor Church of the Brethren, OK, located near Nash, Grant Co. It was organized under the name Salt Plains congregation on Oct. 7, 1898, but was also known, briefly, as Pleasant Home. Four years later a building was partially completed. The congregation was a part of a Kansas district until April, 1901, when its request to become a part of the Oklahoma District was granted. In 1903 the church building was dedicated, and the name changed to Monitor. The *Enid Mission was a mission point of Monitor and later became a daughter congregation. V. K. Meek and A. B. Diller were elected to the ministry and W. P. Bosserman ordained an elder. After reaching a membership of sixty, emigration and death reduced the number, causing Monitor to become inactive in the 1930s. It was closed in 1944. The building was razed and the lumber hauled to the *Antelope Valley congregation for use in building a parsonage. ESH

June 14, 1931, at the age of 74 years, 6 months and 28 days.

She was the daughter of Christian and Polly Brumbaugh Bowser. She was born in Jefferson Township, Montgomery County, Ohio and died at the home of Bro. John P. Miller, Perry Township, Montgomery County, Ohio.

She always lived at the old Bowser homestead until the past twenty-five years she lived in New Lebanon, Ohio.

Katie was the last one of a family of five girls, three of these died when quite young. She and Barbara lived together and took care of their parents until they passed away. Barbara passed away suddenly eight years ago. Since that time Katie has lived alone in New Lebanon, Ohio, until about six months ago not being able to take care of herself. But Bro. John Miller and his wife took her to their home and cared for her until death relieved her of her suffering. Katie was the last member of this family.

She leaves to mourn her departure a number of cousins and many friends.

The funeral was held in the Bear Creek Church June 16. Services were conducted by Brother Solomon Stoner and the undersigned from 2 Kings 20:1 and 1 Cor. 15:26, to a large congregation.

Burial was made in the Trissel Cemetery.

Wm. N. Kinsey.

KING—John Reuben King was born in Floyd Co., Va., Sept. 14, 1858; died near Shawsville, Montgomery County, Virginia, Jan. 17, 1931, aged 72 years, four months and three days. On October 9, 1884 he was married to Laticio Jane Wright; to this union were born 13 children of whom 11 are living and two have preceded him to the spirit world.

Those living are, Geo. W. King, of Toler, Ky., Thos. E. King, of Roanoke, Va., Wiber W. King, Groveport, Ohio, Eldridge W., Paul and Silas King, all of Shawsville, Va., Mrs. W. F. Poff, Check, Va., Mrs. L. A. Sikes, Elfland, N. C., Mrs. R. E. Conner, Roanoke, Va., Mrs. J. I. Poff and Mrs. John D. Boone, of Rocky Mount, Va. He was a staunch Methodist of the old school having been a member for more than 48 years. He leaves to mourn their loss besides the children his faithful wife and many other relatives and friends. Funeral in the home by Pre. Woodward from 23rd Psalm and singing of songs, "In the Sweet By and By," "Rock of Ages," "God Be With You," and "The Home Over There." Interment in cemetery near the home. "Peace to his ashes."

H. E. Boone.

PETERMAN—Columbia Jane Hawkins, daughter of John and Mary Mohler Hawkins, was born in Crimoria, Augusta Co., Virginia, August 26, 1848. She died at her home in Astoria, Ill., July 1, 1931, aged 82 years, 10 months and five days.

On August 8, 1872, she was united in marriage to Joseph Scrogum. To this union 12 children were born, four of whom are left to mourn her departure, namely, John, of Johnson, Kansas, Elsie Clark, of Astoria, Ill., Benjamin, of Summum, and Andrew J. Scrogum, of Canton, Ill.

Also nineteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

On February 12, 1900, her husband passed away, and on August 29, 1916 she was united in marriage to Henry Peterman, who passed to the great beyond August 23, 1923.

Early in life Sister Peterman united with the Old German Baptist Church, to which faith she held when called by her Master to her reward.

She was a devoted mother, a kind

and obliging neighbor and was loved and respected by all who knew her because of her pious and unassuming life.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon in the Church of the Brethren in Astoria, Ill., in charge of the home brethren. Burial on the family lot in the South Fulton Cemetery.

J. D. Miller.

RIFFEY—James Riffey was born September 5, 1856 near Salem, Roanoke County, Virginia.

He moved with his parents to Ohio in 1860 and, later to Illinois where October 12, 1879 he was united in marriage to Tinia Beckner. To this union were born seven children, one of whom died in infancy. From Illinois he moved to Missouri for a time, then to Westphalia, Kansas in 1889, and to Pratt Co., Kansas, in 1902 where he has since resided.

He united with the Old German Baptist Church at an early age to which faith he was ever true.

He was elected to the Visit in 1906 which office he held until his death.

Brother Riffey lost the sight of one eye in his youth; about three years ago he became afflicted with serious eye trouble from which he suffered much pain, especially during the last year, having had six operations, all to no avail, completely losing the sight of his other eye.

On February 14, 1931, he called for the elders of the church and was anointed with oil in the name of the Lord.

On March 12, 1931, he became seriously ill from which he never recovered, departing this life at the Larned State Hospital, June 7, 1931, at the age of 74 years, nine months and two days.

His wife, four sons and two daughters survive him. John H., of Westphalia, Kans., Alice Boyd, Ada E., Chas. F., Mary Wray and Jesse E., all of Sawyer, Kans., 16 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three brothers (Peter and Noah, of Virden, Ill., and C. W., of Los Angeles, Cal.), two sisters, Maggie Wrightsman and Emma Brubaker, of Sawyer, Kans., besides a host of other relatives and friends who mourn his departure.

In the passing of Brother Riffey the family has lost a kind and devoted husband and father, the church a good counsellor. But we sorrow not as those who have no hope, believing our loss to be his eternal gain.

Funeral services were held in Sand Creek meetinghouse to a very large audience of sorrowing relatives and friends. Interment in cemetery adjacent to church yard.

Services were conducted by the home brethren. Text John 14:1, 2, 3.

Cephas R. Boone.

COLEMAN—Vera Elizabeth (Taylor) Coleman, daughter of Daniel and Julia Taylor and second wife of friend Robert Coleman, was born in Franklin Co., Va., April 17, 1903, died May 15, 1931, aged 28 years and 28 days. She was married to Robert Coleman. To this union were born five children (three sons and two daughters), namely, Julia Ruth and Ruby Christine (twins), Marshall Daniel, Raymond Byland and Geo. Noell Coleman., all of whom survive. She also had five step children, Jessie May, Thelma Maud, Robert Curtis, Garnet Nelson and Irene Grace Coleman. Funeral from the 15th chapter of First Cor. by the undersigned assisted by Elder Lee Ross of the Primitive Baptist faith, and her remains laid to rest in the Taylor burial ground witnessed by a host of relatives and friends. At the time of her death her sister

Ohio; they moved to Indiana in 1851 and to Michigan in the fall of 1871 and settled in Campbell township, Ionia Co., which has been his home for nearly 40 years. To them were born eleven children. His wife one son and two daughters preceded him in death. He has been a Christian worker for 66 years being in the ministry 58 years. Eight children (4 sons and 4 daughters) are left who cared for him tenderly in his declining years and have now lovingly consigned him to his last resting-place. He has fought the battle and won the victory. Peace to his ashes! Funeral and interment at Old Mennonite church and cemetery to a large congregation from the latter part of the 1st verse of the 38th chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah.

ENOS FISHER.

South Haven, Mich. R. R. 3.

SHOCK—Azariah Shock, son of Samuel and Sarah Shock, was born Jan. 13, 1828 in Johnstown, Pa.; died near Coloma, Mich. March 31, 1911. aged 83 yrs. 2 mos. 18 das. He was thrice married, first to Elizabeth Van Horn, second wife Julia VanHorn (sister in the flesh to the first wife) and third wife Nancy Cherryholms. Of the first marriage there was born one child which died in infancy. Of the second marriage there were born five children, namely Marietta, Joanna, Margaret, Amanda and Wakefield Three children survive namely, Marietta, Amanda and Wakefield. There are also nine grand children and two step-sons. The step sons are Ira Cherryholms of Coloma, Mich. and Cornelius Cherryholms of Coleville, Washington. Besides these there is one sister, Amanda Haltrick of Lima, Ohio. He became a member of the Old German Baptist Church in 1860. Funeral by the brethren in the M. E. church house in Coloma, Mich. Text Eccl. 12:7.

ABRAM FISHER.

OYLER—Orren Oyler was born June 1st 1833 in Franklin Co., Va. Died Feb. 24th 1911 in Finney Co., Kans. Aged 77 yrs. 8 mos. 24 das., was married to Lucy E. Robinson Dec. 29, 1857. They moved from Va. to Franklin Co., Kansas Feb. 1903. and then they moved to Finney Co., Kans. Feb. 1909. His companion preceded him to the spirit world June 25th, 1909. 12 children survive. (7 sons and 5 daughters.) 85 grand-children and 19 great-grand-children. This aged brother had not been a member in the church for so many years, but we believe he lived and died triumphantly in a living faith. He was quiet and reserved and we hope our loss is his eternal gain He died very suddenly, supposed to be heart failure. He was brought back to Franklin Co. for interment by the side of his companion. Funeral services conducted by the brethren to a sympathizing congregation from Job 14:1.

S. W. YOST.

MOHLER—Mary Mohler (maiden name Mary Disler, formerly was called Polly,) was born June 27th 1823; died March 11th 1911. Aged 87 yrs. 8 mos. and 12 das. She was born in Ohio, was married to Henry Mohler Oct. 27th. 1844. To this union were born 14 children, nine of which preceded her to the spirit world. She leaves to mourn her loss, three sons, two daughters, 23 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Her husband died Jan. 29, 1901. In 1870 they moved to Douglas Co., Kans. where they resided until August 1900 when they moved to, Franklin Co, Kan. to make their home with their daughter Elizabeth Howser where she and her husband died. This mother in Israel was a member in the church for 58 years, and was devoted much to her Bible, and hymn book, and loyal in the church to its order, and contended for that, which impressed my mind that I wished we

could all be a little more that way so that when the Father and Mother in Israel rest from their labors that others could take their place. Some months previous to the departure of this aged mother and sister she realized that her time to leave this world was near at hand, she called for the elders to comply with that last rite in the name of the Lord, anointing with oil, and a few days before her death, a few members present, she desired a little worship by singing, and prayer at her bedside and her desire was complied with, she suffered intensely towards the last; her sons and daughters at her bedside day and night administered all they could to her comfort. Thus she passed away to the beyond. Funeral services by the brethren from Malachi 3:16-18.

S. W. YOST.

LETTERS and MONEY RECEIVED.

James Riffey		Susie Frazee	
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and 29 das. She was the wife of Bro. Peter Boocher who preceded her in death more than two years ago, and was the daughter of Jacob and Maria Flory. She was the mother of eight children, three of whom survive with 18 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren to mourn their loss with many other relatives and friends. She united with the Old Brethren Church more than fifty years ago and was a faithful member until death. The last few years she was blind and almost helpless. Funeral by the brethren from Mark 14: 6, 8, in the presence of many friends. G. W. BALSBAUGH.

HARTMAN.—Sister Sarah Catharine Hartman, daughter of Flem and Susannah Minix, was born Feb. 29, 1872, died Nov. 13, 1910 aged 38 yrs., 8 mos. and 14 ds. She leaves an invalid father, a kind husband, 3 daughters, 3 brothers, 2 sisters and a number of other relatives and friends, to mourn their loss which, we hope, is her great gain. Sister Sarah ever stood firm for the order and practice of the Old German Baptist Church which she joined while young and lived a consistent life. She bore without a murmur, the sufferings of that loathsome disease, consumption, and when she realized that her days were numbered, she called for the elders and was anointed with oil in the name of the Lord being fully resigned to the will of the Lord, and when the call was made to change time for eternity she passed away without a struggle. Funeral improved by the brethren from Revelation 12: 13, to a large assembly of sympathizing relatives and friends.

MOSES PLUNKETT.

HORST.—Sister Elizabeth A. Horst, was born in Clark Co., Ohio, June 26, 1862, died in the bounds of the Cedar Creek Church, Anderson Co., Kans., Jan. 2, 1911, aged 48 yrs., 6 mos. and 6 ds. She was the oldest daughter of Elder Peter Heck. In her youthful days she united with the Old German Baptist Church and we firmly believe, as far as we could see, that she lived out her profession of faith that she made when young, and her life among us here was such that we can all take an example of Christian faith and patience. She left to mourn, husband, one daughter, three sons, two brothers and three sisters besides quite a number of other relatives. There preceded her to the spirit world, father, mother and one sister. Six days before Sister Lizzie died she called for the elders of the church and was anointed with oil in the name of the Lord. The cause of death was bright's disease with other troubles. Thus we are again warned to become ready for death. And while she will be greatly missed at home and in the church, we believe our loss will be her eternal gain. Funeral occasion improved by the brethren from 1 Thess. 4: 13-18.

MOSES PLUNKETT.

MOHLER.—Glenn Edward Mohler was born April 7, 1910, died August 16, 1910 aged 4 months and 8 days. Infant son of Bro. Amos and Sister Mamie Mohler of Stark Co., Ohio. Services by the brethren.

J. W. SHOWALTER.

MCKINZIE.—Ervin Lavern, infant son of friend Frank and Sister Sarah McKinzie, was born October 14, 1910 and died December 28, 1910, aged 2 months and 14 days. Another warning to all to prepare for death. Funeral conducted by the brethren from Matt. 18: 2, 3.

NOAH FLORY.

Sawyer, Kans.

LETTERS and MONEY RECEIVED.

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GRANDFATHER.

SE.—Died in the Deer Creek arm church, Carroll Co., Ind., Sister arine Wise, wife of Bro. Samuel Was born July 31, 1835 and died 1908 aged 72 yrs., 9 mos , 27 ds. was united in marriage to Bro. uel Wise, Dec. 11, 1898. Funeral he brethren to a very large congre- n of members and friends.

J. D. MUSSELMAN.

STONER.—Orpha Mildred, daugh- ter of Joseph and Edna Stoner, was born near Peru, Ind., June 9, 1904 and died in Pendleton, Ind., May 31, 1908. ed 3 yrs., 11 mos., 21 days. Besides heart broken father and mother she aves a little sister, Geneva Ruth, 3 months old, and a number of relatives and friends to mourn her early depart- ure. Orpha was always a bright child and loved by all who knew her. Dur- ing her eight weeks sickness (typhoid fever) her mind was bright and clear until a few hours before death. Her life with us was short but happy. Her departure makes home sorrowful; but God knoweth all things best. Funeral conducted by the brethren from Reve- lation 1: 18. GRANDFATHER.

WEAVER.—Elder Daniel Weaver of the Flat Rock church, Paulding Co., Ohio. Born in Preble Co., Ohio, Jan. 26, 1834; died June 22, 1908, aged 74 yrs , 4 mos., 26 ds. He was the eldest of 8 children, 4 sons and 4 daughters, born to Wm. and Mary (Harraman) Weaver, natives respectively of Virginia and Tennessee. Daniel Weaver though born in Preble Co., was reared in Darke Co., where he continued to re- side until 1869 when Paulding Co. be- came his home. He located on his land in the wilderness and experienced all the hardships of pioneer life. He was a progressive, self-made man, having the respect of the community in which he lived. Brother Weaver was mar- ried on the 9th of September, 1858 to Miss Catharine, the daughter of John and Margaret Brock, natives of Ten- nessee but early settlers of Ohio. To this union were born 3 sons and 1 daughter. His wife and one son pre- ceded him to the realms of eternity; and he leaves two sons, one daughter, two brothers, two sisters and five grandchildren to mourn his departure, also a host of friends and acquaint- ances. He was a consistent member of the Old German Baptist church for a number of years and lived a faithful laborer in the Christian cause until death claimed him. On September 2, 1902 Bro. Weaver was married to his second wife, Sister Mary Hoppas of Red Key, Ind., and she survives him to mourn the sad bereavement. Fun- eral June 24 at his residence conducted by Brethren John Lehman and Caleb Hunsaker from the text 2 Tim. 6: 7, 8

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" "	Beef	489.15
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of whom 2 little boys, Albert and Mervin, passed away very early in life.

In May, 1908, she and her husband were baptized into the fellowship of the Old German Baptist Church, and in Nov., 1924 were called to the Gospel ministry. In this capacity she served acceptably, and rendered valuable assistance to her husband upon whom fell increasing labors and responsibilities. In 1935 they moved from the farm where she was born, and which had been their source of livelihood, to their present home in Clayton. Less than a year prior to her departure she called for the anointing service, which was administered to the comforting of her soul.

Sister Mazy's cheerful disposition endeared her to her family and her many friends, and her deep devotion and faith in her Lord brings to them sweet consolation that, though now she has fallen asleep, they need not sorrow even as others who have no hope.

Those who survive are: her bereft husband, Elder J. Wm.; a daughter, Esther Metzger; a son, Everett; 8 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Elsie Rohrer; 2 sisters-in-law: Clara Hoke and Mazy Hoke; the following stepbrothers and stepsisters: Arthur Brumbaugh, Marion Brumbaugh, Mary Wampler, Loraine Pierce, and Treva Frantz; and a large circle of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held by the brethren on the afternoon of Oct. 6 at the Salem church, and interment was made in Fairview Cemetery.

Willard Yoder

MOHLER—Nannie R., daughter of Henry and Sarah (Rice) Myers, was born near Pennsville, Fayette Co., Pa., July 20, 1876. She came with her parents to Ohio at the age of 6 years. On Oct. 3, 1962, she passed away at the age of 86 years, 2 months, and 13 days, at Aultman Hospital.

She was united in marriage to Amos S. Mohler, of near Greentown, Ohio, on Feb. 19, 1899, who preceded her in death on Dec. 28, 1954. To this union were born 7 children, 2 dying in infancy.

She leaves to mourn her departure, 3 sons and 2 daughters: Wallace L., Carl A., Earl S., Mary E., and Martha M.; 24 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and 1 brother, Edward Myers.

Mother has lived in the Hartville, Uniontown area the past 80 years. She was united with the Old German Baptist Church with her companion in 1904, at the age of 28 years, there remaining faithful until the Master called her home.

Living in this area these many years, she had a host of friends and was loved by many. Her departure will be greatly felt by all. We trust our loss is her eternal gain.

Funeral services were conducted on Sat., Oct. 6, 1962, at 1:00 p.m., at the Stull Funeral Home in Hartville, Ohio, and at 1:30 p.m. in the Center Nimishillen meeting house by Elder Eugene Wray, assisted by Bro. Dallas Lavy. Interment was made in the cemetery nearby.

The Family

MOORE — Flora Ellen, youngest daughter of Joseph and Nancy Brubaker, was born October 12, 1872, in Preble Co., Ohio, and departed this life on October 3, 1962, at the age of 89 years, 11 months, and 21 days.

On December 24, 1891, she was united in marriage to Charles L. Moore. To this union were born 9 children: 3 sons and 6 daughters. She, with her companion, was baptized into the Old German Baptist Church, and they spent the early years of their married life near Camden, Ohio, then moved to Ward Co., North Dakota in 1905.

On June 27, 1920, this home was broken with the passing of her companion. She continued on in her lonely home, raising her family. In October, 1936, she came to Indiana and made her home with her daughter, Bertha, in

her in death July 11, 1959. To this union were born 3 sons and 4 daughters. One son and one daughter preceded her in death. Surviving are 2 sons: Daniel and Aaron; 3 daughters: Mrs. George (Eva) Seption, Mrs. Byrl (Martha Huddlestun, and Mrs. Al (Betty) Garzelloni; 1 brother, Andrew Emerick; 14 grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was baptized into the Old German Baptist Church early in life, to which she remained faithful until death. In 1918 she with her husband was called to the ministry, in which she served faithfully. A few years ago, before a serious operation, she was anointed with oil in the name of the Lord, which gave her much comfort. She will be greatly missed by her children and the little church at Custer.

Funeral services were conducted Fri., Jan. 12, at the Stephens Funeral Home in Scottville, by the undersigned, assisted by the Baptist minister of Custer, Charles Jones. The body was laid to rest in the River Side Cemetery.

John H. Flora

MILLER—John P., son of Elder Addison E. and Cordelia Miller, was born near Minot, North Dakota, Aug. 6, 1914, and departed this life Jan. 14, 1962, in the Bloss Memorial Hospital, Atwater, Calif., at the age of 47 years, 5 months, and 8 days.

He is survived by his widow, Elsie; 2 daughters: Mrs. Marlene Bowlin and Mrs. Marilyn Merchant; their companions and 6 grandchildren; 2 sisters: Mrs. Alice N. Gish and Mrs. Esther L. Blickenstaff; 2 brothers: Raymond E. and Forrest E.; and many other relatives and friends.

His death was due to complications following a long illness. He was a member of the First Methodist Church in Atwater, Calif.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 2:00 p.m., in the Atwater Chapel of Ivers & Alcorn. The Minister of the Atwater Methodist Church, Duane K. Murphy, officiated. Burial was in the Winton Cemetery nearby to await the resurrection morning.

Forrest E. Miller

MOHLER—Elder Isaac W., son of John G. and Elizabeth (Phoutz) Mohler, was born near Greentown, Stark Co., Ohio, June 18, 1879, and passed away in his home near Hartville, Ohio, Jan. 14, 1962, at the age of 82 years, 6 months, and 27 days, of a severe heart attack.

He was united in marriage with Nettie Hange on June 25, 1899. To this union were born 5 sons and 3 daughters. Two sons preceded him in death: Elder Allen Mohler in March of 1960, and Humphry, who died in infancy. Along with his widow, the surviving children are: John, Oliver, Sallie Bohaychyk, Sister Isabel Bowers, Bro. Archie, and Carrie Stuhldreher. Also surviving are 23 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Samuel; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was united with the Old German Baptist Church in the year 1899. He was elected to the office of deacon in 1924, called to the ministry in 1928, and ordained elder in 1940, in which he labored faithfully to the end. He preached Jesus Christ and Him crucified, and his advice and counsel will be missed by many.

Services were held in the Nimishillen church in Stark Co. by Elders Levi Bowman, Lester Fisher, and Charles Peters. His body was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

The Family

WOLFE—Daniel Webster, son of Daniel M. and Rebecca (Gaver) Wolfe, was born Feb. 26, 1880, in Frederick Co., Maryland, and passed away Thursday, Jan. 18, at Springfield State Hospital, Sykesville, Md., at the age of 81 years, 10 months, and 23 days.

He was a well known retired farmer of McKaig-Frederick Co., Md., and the husband of Sister Cora Wolfe, who passed away Oct. 22, 1960. To this union were born 3 sons and 1 daughter, who survive,

We'll shelter him with tenderness,
We'll love him while we may,
And for the happiness we've known,
Forever grateful stay;
But should the angels call for him
Much sooner than we've planned,
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes,
And try to understand.' "

Sel. by Donald and Arthena Brubaker
Sawyer, Kansas

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OBITUARIES

COVER—Sallie E., daughter of John G. and Lizzy Mohler, was born October 6, 1873, and departed this life July 28, 1960, at the age of 86 years, 9 months, and 22 days.

She was married to John C. Cover December 17, 1893. To this union were born the following surviving children: Mary E. Brubaker, John Immel Cover, Anna E. Brubaker, Sarah A. Garber, Emma R. Garber, and Samuel Christy Cover. She also leaves 2 brothers: Elder Isaac W. Mohler and Samuel D. Mohler.

We are assured by her faith and family occupancy that she reached Home and is at rest.

The Family

PETERSON — Hallie Joshia, son of Chris N. and Mary C. Peterson Barnhart, was born in Iona, Kansas, March 18, 1898. He departed this life August 3, 1960, at the age of 62 years, 4 months, and 16 days, after a brief illness, in Memorial Hospital, Ceres, California.

He was united in marriage to Ara E. Hegeman in August, 1925. To this union were born 3 children, who survive: Mary Ann Crady, Norman T., and Donald F. He also leaves his wife, Dorothy Peterson, with whom he was united in marriage Feb. 21, 1957; his beloved mother, Sister Mary Barnhart; 2 brothers: R. Ralph and E. Vernon; 3 sisters: Rose Gish, Fanny Beachler, and Elsie Wingert; 9 grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and a wide circle of close friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by his father, and 3 brothers: Carl A., Noah N., and Leon A.

Most of his life was spent ranching, but he enjoyed auctioneering most. His love and faith in his fellowman and his wonderful sense of humor will be greatly missed by all his loved ones, friends, and neighbors.

Services were conducted by the minister of the Christian Church, Dale Sherwood, on Aug. 6, in the Modesto Mortuary. Burial was made in the Lakewood Memorial Park.

The Family

RUTROUGH—Posey Thomas, son of Bro. William and Sister Rosa (Bower) Rutrough, was born April 8, 1898, in Floyd Co., Virginia. He departed this life Aug. 10, 1960, in Key West, Florida, at the age of 62 years, 4 months, and 2 days.

In 1902 he, with his father and mother, moved to Franklin Co., Va., and in 1915 he moved to Brookville, Ohio. He was united in marriage Jan. 3, 1927 to Opha Frazer, who preceded him in death in May, 1932. He was again married to Hazel Murphy on Sept. 3, 1938.

He leaves to mourn his departure his loving companion; 2 brothers: Bro. John and Frank; 3 sisters: Sister Mattie Sink, Dora Moore (his twin), and Cora Cox; and a host of nieces and nephews, both great and great-great. His father and mother, 3 sisters, and 2 brothers preceded him in death.

Services were held in Key West Aug. 10, after which the body was sent to the Miller Funeral Home in Greenville, Ohio, where additional services were held at 2:00 p.m., Aug. 15, by Rev. Hajarian. The body was laid to rest in the Arlington Cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

His brother, John,
and niece, Frances Kimmel

McCloud and Mrs. Vivian Hoffman; 1 grandson; 4 granddaughters; 2 brothers: Dan F. and Joel B.; and 2 sisters: Mrs. E. O. Silver and Mrs. Bessie Frantz.

Funeral services were conducted at Praiswater Funeral Home, Van Nuys, Calif. Burial was in Forrest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

The Family

MOHLER — Elder Allen H., son of Elder Isaac and Sister Nettie (Hange) Mohler, was born May 13, 1900, in Stark Co., Greentown, Ohio, and answered the Master's call Saturday, March 19, 1960, at 3:30 p.m., in Lawrence Memorial Hospital at Lawrence, Kansas, following a serious accident on the previous Monday. During his time in the hospital he called for the elders of the church and was anointed with oil in the name of the Lord.

Being the oldest of eight children, he shared many of the joys and cares experienced in growing to manhood. On Sept. 7, 1923, he was united in marriage to Mary Catherine Kinsley. To this union were born 3 sons and 3 daughters. One son, Isaac, died in infancy.

On May 13, 1926 he accepted his Savior's call and was received into the Old German Baptist Church by baptism. Sept. 13, 1928 he with his companion was called to the deacon's office. April 18, 1936 they were called to the ministry of the Word. They were advanced to the second degree Aug. 31, 1940, and ordained to the full ministry April 25, 1945, in which office he faithfully served until his death.

In the summer of 1950 he with his companion and family moved from Ohio to Kansas, and they have resided in Douglas County since that time in the Willow Springs church district, where they made many friends and acquaintances.

He is survived by his devoted companion; his aged father and mother; 5 children: Loren Allen, Sister Anna Catherine Flory, Betty Irene Smith, Paul William, and Sara Arlyne Crist; 17 grandchildren; 3 brothers: John, Oliver, and Bro. Archie; 3 sisters: Mrs. Sally Bohaychyk, Sister Isabelle Bowers, and Mrs. Carrie Stuhledreher; and many other relatives and friends. One brother, Humphrey, died in childhood.

He bore his suffering with much patience and without complaining, always being interested in the welfare of others and the Church. He will be greatly missed in the home, the community, and the church, but we feel our loss is his eternal gain.

Funeral services were held Wed., Mar. 23, at the Willow Springs church by Bro. Alpha Davison, assisted by Bro. Frank Flory and the undersigned, to a very large and sympathizing assembly of relatives and friends. Scriptures used were: 90th Psalm, St. John 11:25, 1 Cor. 15:50, Rev. 21:1-8. Hymns used: 401, 491, 465, 221, 384, 389, and 466. The body was laid to rest in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Pleasant Grove to await the resurrection morn.

John Beeghley

PERDUE—John Daniel Steger, son of Isaac and Mabel Perdue, was born in Virginia in the year 1873. He departed this life March 25, 1960, at the age of 87 years. His illness was of a long duration.

Jack, as he was known in this community, came to California in 1937 and moved from the San Francisco bay area to Modesto in the year 1953. His last years were spent in the hospitals and nursing homes in the community. Not too much is known of his early life, only that he was a railroad engineer on the Great Northern Railway, making his run from Spokane, Washington to Butte, Montana. He also had a run in later years to Mexico. There was hardly a place in the world where Jack had not been. He loved to talk of his travels and tell of his experiences.

During his last illness he became more interested in the Word of God and put

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Friday observation set

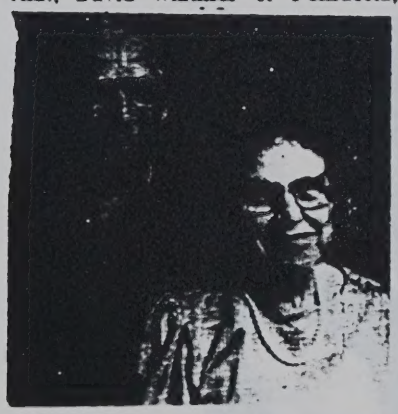
BRADFORD — A reception for relatives and friends honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Joseph and Eileen Whitmer of 7311 N. Ohio 721 will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday at the American Legion Hall here.

They were married Dec. 25, 1936, at the home of Mrs. Whitmer's parents, the late George and Susie (Mohler) Smith. His parents are the late Frank and Florence (Wagaman) Whitmer.

The Whitmers are the parents of four children — George of Holland, Mich., Joel Jr. of Decatur, Ala.; Linda Cotrell of Bowling Green and Brenda of Atwater, Calif. They have five grandchildren — Robin Brannum, of Huntsville, Ala., Kim Whitmer of Decatur, Ala., David Whitmer of Pensacola, Fla., and Mary and Jonathan Whitmer of Holland, Mich.

The couple ask that gifts be omitted.

Whitmers



Greenhoffs

Wed 50 years

ROSSBURG — Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Greenhoff of 11810 Lightsville-Coletown Road, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday with their family.

The Greenhoffs were married Dec. 24, 1926, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Greenville, by the Rev. C.C. Messel.

They are the parents of a son, Ronnie of Rossburg; and a daughter, Jean Longfellow of Union City. There are three grandsons — Doug of Union City, Steve of Troy and John of Muncie, Ind. — two granddaughters — Lori and Lesa Greenhoff of Rossburg — and one great-grandson — Matthew Longfellow of Union City.

Schmidts celebrating 66th

Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Schmidt of Lewisburg and formerly of Ansonia will quietly observe their 66th wedding anniversary Thursday.

They were married in 1920 in the Ansonia Christian Church parsonage at high noon by the late Rev. D.G. Pleasant, pastor of the church.

Mrs. Schmidt is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thomas, and her husband's parents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schmidt.

Both are retiried. Because of their health, the Schmidts will not celebrate.

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Yoders celebrating their 60th

Rufus and Berla (Boone) Yoder have been married for 60 years, having wed Dec. 5, 1926.

The couple have resided at 3593 Children's Home-Bradford Road for 47 years.

They have four sons — Omar of West Milton, Joseph of Hollywood, Fla., and Carl and Lester, both of Greenville — and two daughters — Mrs. Lester (Joan) Mohler of Covington and Mrs. David E. (Chloe) Suter of Greenville. There are 19 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Yoder was born near Frankfort, Ind., and his wife near Winchester, Ind. Their life occupation has been farming, with 25 years of farm drainage ditching. They have served for 40 years in the ministry.

Yoders

Johnstons

Couple spend 50 years together

Ruth and Otis Johnston of 7340 McMecham Road, Greenville, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday.

The Johnstons were married Dec. 14, 1936, in Rossburg by the Rev. Noble Schlechty.

He retired in 1976 from the Washington Township School in the Greenville School System and she retired from Fram Corporation after 23 years of service.

The couple have five daughters, Betty Kiser, Mary Jane Batten and Susan Johnston, all of Greenville, Rita Artwohl of Maryland and Peggy Warner of South Carolina; one son, Bill, at home; 17 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Two sons, David and Johnny, are deceased.

Mrs. Johnston is the former Ruth Sharp.

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Miami Co., Montgomery Co., Preble Co., and Warren Co. Ohio

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Ex. are James D. Moffett; son John Moffett.

MOHLER, Samuel; b Juniata Co. Pa. May 8, 1808, (son of Jacob & Mary (Bollinger) Mohler, Jacob d. in Pa. Mary d in Ohio 1854, age 72 yrs.); m May 8, 1828, Catharine Saylor.

MOODY, Joseph; Washington Twp.; will rec. June 16, 1841; sons, **John & Robert; dau. Jane, Elizabeth, Nancy.**

MOORE, William C.; b Penna. 1810; d Apr. 9, 1846; (son of Jacob of Va. 1787-1858, who m 1809, Isabel Chestnut, b Va. 1785, d Shelby Co. 1878); m Feb. 1, 1838, Hannah Miller, (dau. John B. & Sarah).
1906; bur McKendree Ch.; (son of Randolph & Mary (Por-

MOORE, Preston P.; b Montg. Co. Apr. 1, 1814, d Jan. 15, ter) Moore); wife Elizabeth Mumford, d Sept. 14, 1876, age 59 yrs.

MOORE, Isaac; b Md. July 18, 1804; m 1824, Mary Watkins, b Dec. 15, 1811, d Aug. 28, 1878, (dau. of William, from Ky. to Washington Twp. Montg. Co.); son
John W., b Feb. 18, 1830, m Oct. 26, 1854, Hannah Howland, b Aug. 4, 1833, (dau. of Albert & Caroline (Throckmorton) Howland.

MOORE, Gershom; b Wales 1752; wife Anna b 1758; from New Jersey to Butler Co., Ohio; issue—
Lewis, b 1778, **Rachel, Philip, Reuben,** b 1790, **Elias,** b 1792, **Phebe,** b 1793, **Catharine,** b Ky. Jan. 24, 1795, m Elias Miller (see Miller); **Nancy** b 1800.
Lewis, b Aug. 16, 1778, d May 8, 1859; m Susan Moore, b July 5, 1786, d Dec. 19, 1872; issue—
1-Anna, b June 6, 1805, d June 8, 1845.
2-Rufus, b Mar. 18, 1807, m Feb. 17, 1833, Lydia Bennett, b Nov. 11, 1815; issue—
Nancy, b July 23, 1826, m July 1, 1866 George McMillan.
Mary Ann, b July 12, 1829.
Lewis, b Apr. 7, 1833.
Elias, b July 17, 1835.
Theodore, b Oct. 1, 1837.
Reuben,
Eliza, b Aug. 6, 1840, m A. Berryman.
Philip, m Rebecca Sluitt; issue—
Joseph, Ruth, Sarah, George, John, William,
Susan, m James Mitchell:
Ann, m William Kirk.
William, m Maria Shideller; issue—
Minnie, m John Mann
Caroline, m Webster Shidaker.
Rose, m Alva Gabriel; George, John, Arthur.

MORRETT, Jacob; from Penna.; m Elizabeth Strock; issue—
Catharine, Daniel, Rachel, Jacob, Elizabeth, Eli, Rebecca.
Daniel, b Penna. Sept. 24, 1815; m 1840. Catharine Slaybaugh, (dau. John & Susan).

MORRIN, James; b Washington Co. Pa. 1809; (son of William & Elizabeth Morrin, from Ireland 1802); m Nancy Morrow, (dau. of Daniel & Mary (Macklen) Morrow).

MORRIN, William; b Washington Co. Pa. 1815; m 1840. Elizabeth Mitchell.

MORRIS, Isaac; b Pasquotonk Co. N. Car. about 1765, d Va. 1818; wife Millicent Bundy; son
John, b Dec. 19, 1797, d Aug. 29, 1886; to Ohio 1816; m Feb. 9, 1822, Ruth Stanley; (dau. Anthony & Hannah (Reese) Stanley of N. Car.). b Guilford Co. N. C. Feb. 19, 1804, d June 22, 1838, son.
Isaac, b Clinton Co. Feb. 7, 1825; m Oct. 16, 1851, Edith Jenkins, (dau. Jacob & Hannah (Gawthro) Jenkins.

MORRIS, Benjamin; Revolutionary Soldier; granted a pension Apr. 11, 1833 for service as a private in the Virginia Militia.

MORRIS, David H. & Samuel; from N. J. 1797; Samuel, war 1812; David, a Rev. Sold.; granted a pension Jan. 17, 1834, for service in the Penna. Militia, bur. Sailor Cem. near New Carlisle; gave ground for Pisgah Ch. & Cem.; wife Eva Sailor d Apr. 3, 1843, age 74 yrs.; son & dau., Rachel, d Mar. 6, 1816, age 22-8-1, bur. Pisgah Ch. yd, Bethel Twp. Ezra, b Aug. 29, 1804, d June 12, 1856; m Elizabeth McKinney, (dau. of Samuel & Sarah of Clark Co.) b Jan. 5, 1806, d Aug. 2, 1869; both bur. in Pisgah Ch. yd.

MORRIS, David H.; son of David & Hannah (Hamilton) Morris of Hanover, Morris County, N. J., who had issue—
Ezra Morris, b 1767.
David H., b July 11, 1769, d Apr. 3, 1843, in Miami County; m 1803, Eva Ann Saylor, who d Nov. 9, 1838, age 61 yrs. Issue See below)
Mary, m —— Morehouse, Jan. 27, 1803.
Susan, m Eli Meek,
Rachel, m ——Fairchild, Dec. 18, 1800.
Charles, b Aug. 14, 1780, d Sept. 16, 1830.

MORRIS, David H. Jr.; & Eva Saylor had issue—
Ezra E., b July 29, 1804, d June 12, 1850; m June 19,1826, Elizabeth McKinney, (dau. of Sameul & Sarah of Clark County) b Jan. 5, 1806, d Aug. 2, 1869; bur. Pisgah Ch. yd.; two dau.
David H., b June 4, 1807, d July 31, 1864; m June 2, 1829, Elizabeth Reyburn.
William W., b Oct. 8, 1809, d Oct. 25, 1888.
Rachel, b Nov. 6, 1811, d Nov. 25, 1866; m Richard McPherson.
Mary, b Nov. 23, 1813, d Aug. 6, 1879; m I. P. Donaldson.
John W., b Dec. 2, 1816, d Dec. 12, 1882; m Aug. 25, 1861, Mary White.
Elizabeth, b July 10, 1820, d Dec. 5, 1894; m May 5, 1846, Francis M. Leas.
James F., b Mar. 12, 1823, d Mar. 3, 1906; m Apr. 23, 1846, Ruth C. Mackey.
Priscilla F., b Aug. 23, 1825, m Mar. 20, 1844, D. R. Staley.
Joseph H. P.; b Jan. 19, 1828, d Oct. 23, 1896; m July 12, 1860, Marie Bullen.
Martha J., b Mar. 19, 1830, d Oct. 28, 1896; m June 14, 1849, Francis H. Suthran.

MORRISON, Robert; will rec. Apr. 9, 1839; wife Hannah, sons, **Robert, John H., Samuel, William, Henry;** dau., **Priscilla & Mary C. Morrison, Eliza Taylor,**
Priscilla, m Jan. 26, 1820, David Staley (?).

MORROW, Wilson; b Butler Co. Sept. 21, 1817, (son of John & Mary (Robinson) Morrow); m 1842, Rebecca Morrow, b Adams Co. Pa. Feb. 17, 1822.

MORROW, Francis L.; b Washington Twp. Oct. 14, 1818; m 1843, Mercy Winner, (dau. Samuel and Hannah (West) Winner).

MORROW, Maj. Richard; b Penna. 1788; to Ohio 1815, d Washington Twp. May 28, 1864; m July 5, 1814, Frances Clark, b Dec. 26, 1787, d Aug. 12, 1864, (dau. Robert & Mary (Alexander) Clark); issue—
1-**Joseph,** b Mar. 11, 1815.
2-**Robert A.,** b Apr. 11, 1818, d Nov. 19, 1846, m Dec. 8, 1842, Mary Whittaker.
3-**Hugh C.,** b Oct. 9, 1820, d Sept. 5, 1874; m May 7, 1851, Susan F. Morrison.
4-**James,** b Dec. 20, 1822, m Mar. 16, 1847, Nancy Van Emon.
5-**Milton,** b Feb. 15, 1825, d Jan. 26, 1889, m Clarissa Prugh.
William, b July 31, 1828, d Jan. 5, 1893.
6-**Andrew M.,** b Nov. 17, 1833, m Apr. 8, 1858 Eliza Drake, (dau. Daniel & Marg't.).

MORSE, Henry H.; b Bennington, Vt., 1815, (son of John & Abigail (Himes) Morse; John, son of Noah); m 1841, Catharine Larose (dau. Daniel & Marg't.).

MORTON, Timothy; b Monmouth Co. N. J. Feb. 22, 1799; (son of John & Mary (Longstreet) Morton); to Ohio 1831; m (1) 1821, Mary Gurney; she d 1858; issue 6 ch.;
m (2) Dec. 1859, Mary (Green) Ayers. b Burlington Co. N. J. May 9, 1808, (dau. of Zadeck & Mary (Smith) Green.

MOTE, David; Friend, from Ga. 1802; d Mar. 4, 1817, age 83 yrs. 10 mo.; wife Dorcas (Nichols) Mote, d Sept. 17, 1817 "aged 86 yrs. & upwards"; (See complete record, Sunday Journal, June 17, 1934); issue—
1-**Margaret,** b 1753, d 1835; m James Patty.
2-**Jonathan,** b Aug. 22, 1758; d 1839; m (1) Ann; (2) Suannah Kessler. (dau. Joseph).

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where he carried on business for two years, and in May, 1897, came to New Weston, where he has built up a large and constantly increasing trade. In 1899 he erected the substantial brick building he now occupies, and he carries a large and well selected stock of general merchandise to meet the demands of his customers. He sold out the hardware branch of his business in September, 1899. Mr. Rogers possesses the necessary qualifications of successful business men, being industrious, enterprising and energetic, as well as a most pleasing and genial gentleman, upright and honorable in all his dealings. Politically he is a Democrat and has served as township treasurer in Wabash and Allen townships. Religiously both he and his wife are members of the New Light church and socially he is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

JOHN MOHLER.

John Mohler is a popular young farmer of Franklin township, Darke county, and is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Ohio. His grandfather, Rudolph Mohler, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, February 6, 1801, and married Susanna Souman, who was born in that county on the 12th of December, 1801. At an early period in the development of the Buckeye state they came to Miami county, locating on a farm near the Sugar Grove church in Newberry township. There the wife died, after which Mr. Mohler made his home with his children, dying at the residence of his son, Samuel Mohler, in Miami county. He had three children by his first marriage, namely: William, who was born October 3, 1823, and died September 29, 1851; Mary, who was born May 3, 1825, and is the wife of George Croft, of Darke county; and Ephraim, who was born November 10, 1856, and married Mary Annie Neal. After the death of his first wife the grandfather married Elizabeth Miller, who was born July 31, 1801, and their children were: Henry, who was born May 14, 1829, married Harriet Deeter; Jacob, the father of our subject; Sarah, who was born January 2, 1833, became the wife of Henry Deeter and died August 20, 1863; Susanna, who was born July 21, 1834, is the wife of William Shellabarger, of Covington; John, who was born December 8, 1835, is now living in Missouri with his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Miller; Samuel, of Miami county, was born March 27, 1837, and married Sally Miller; Rudolph, who was born March 18, 1839, and married Fannie Etter; Daniel, of Missouri, was born October 2, 1842, and wedded Maria Mowry and both died in Miami county; and Hannah, who was born January 29, 1845, became the wife of Justice Deeter.

Jacob Mohler, the father of our subject, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1830, and when fifteen years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Miami county. The journey was made by wagon, Jacob walking the greater part of the distance. His father had previously made a trip to Ohio on horseback and purchased the farm in Newberry township upon which Jacob was reared to manhood. Having attained his majority, he was married, on the 15th of January, 1852, to Miss Eidelia, a daughter of John S. and Sarah (Reed) Deeter and granddaughter of David and Elizabeth (Stutzman) Deeter. The Deeter family removed from Pennsylvania to Preble county, Ohio, and later settled in Miami county. After

their marriage Mr. Jacob Mohler operated the Sugar Grove mill for seven years and then purchased the farm now known as the Teague place in Newberry township. That property he sold to Joseph Teague for the latter's farm in Franklin township, Darke county, and on that place he died May 28, 1898, after a long and useful life. He was much respected and was a faithful member of the German Baptist church, with which he united in 1852. In politics he was a Republican. His wife still survives him, and by her marriage she became the mother of the following children: Allen, who was born January 27, 1856, and died in infancy; Sarah E., who was born July 18, 1857, and also died in infancy; Elizabeth, who was born December 10, 1858, and became the wife of Aaron Shellabarger, of Franklin township; Mary A., who was born April 6, 1861, and died in infancy; Martha, who was born January 15, 1863, and is the wife of Jonathan Cool, of Franklin township; Rudolph, born November 22, 1865; Mina, born January 10, 1868, and now the wife of William Penny, of Franklin township; and John.

John Mohler was born January 30, 1870, on his father's farm in Newberry township, and in the public schools of the neighborhood he acquired a good education, fitting him for life's practical duties. He engaged in the cultivation of the home farm, both before and after his marriage, which important event occurred in 1890, Miss Lizzie Knutt, a daughter of George Franklin Knutt, becoming his wife. After his marriage Mr. Mohler purchased and located upon his present farm, which comprises twelve and a quarter acres. He is very enterprising and progressive in his farming methods and carefully cultivates his land so that it yields to him a good tribute in return for the labor he bestows upon it. In politics he is an independent Republican and keeps well informed on the issues of the day. Socially he is connected with several organizations, including the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Improved Order of Red Men at Bradford. His genial manner and social disposition and sterling worth have made him popular, and he is known as one of the leading young agriculturists of the county.

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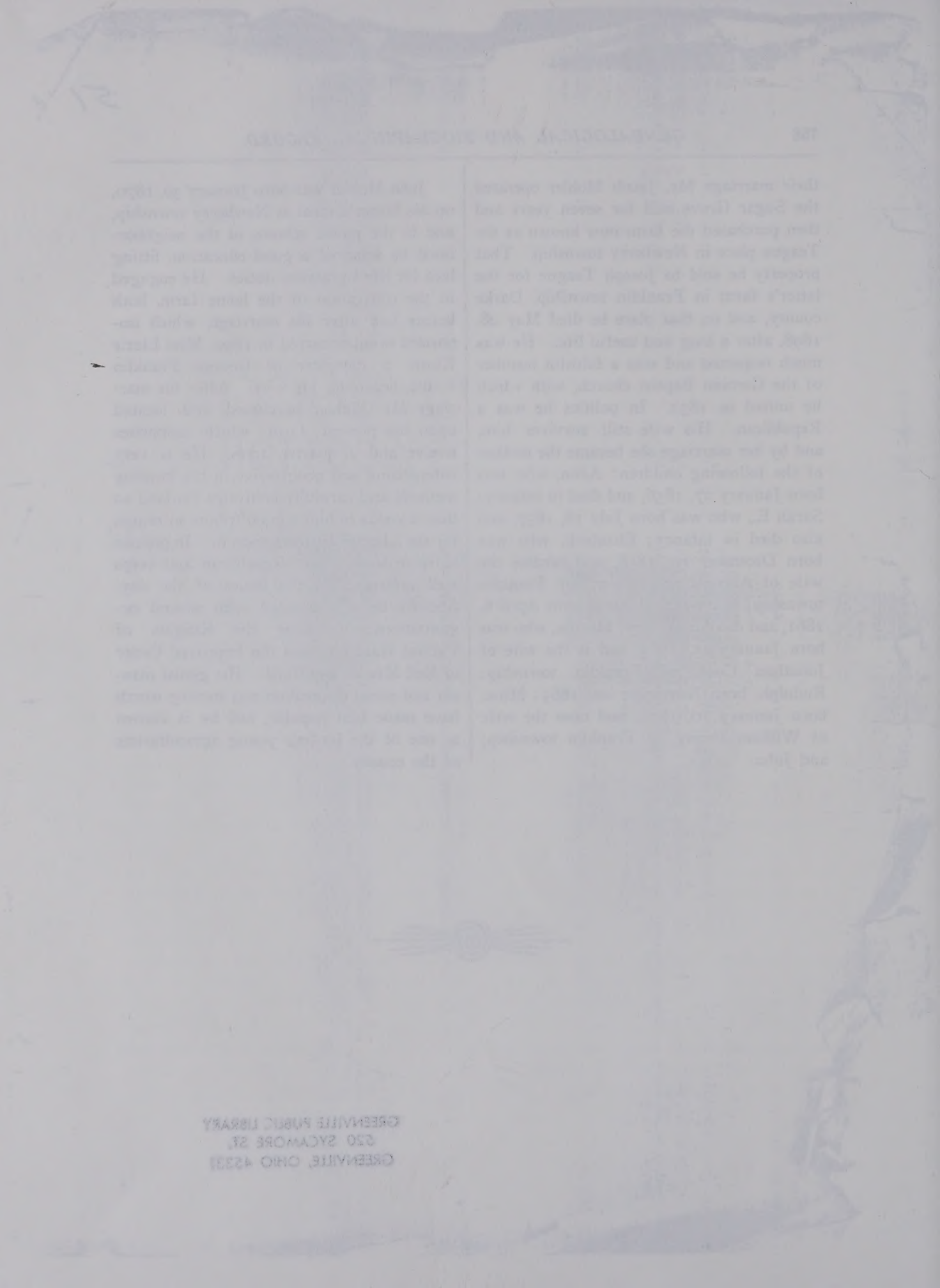

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